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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: : S. Sakelaris
MARTINEZ et al :
Serial No.: 09/486,142 : Group: 1634
Filed: March 31, 2000 :
For: OLIGNUCLEOTIDES...HORMONES :

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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Further to the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully requests that the period for response to the outstanding office action be extended for two months until

March 9, 2004.

PTO Form-2038 is enclosed herewith authorizing that the appropriate fee be charged to the American Express credit card account # 3727-125685-62029 of the undersigned attorney. Should any further extensions of time or fees be necessary in order to maintain this application in pending condition, appropriate requests are hereby made and authorization is given to debit account #02-2275.

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